

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-119 and 122-125 remain in connection with the present application. Claims 120 and 121 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the consideration of each of the documents submitted in connection with the Information Disclosure Statements dated April 2, 2004, July 1, 2004, October 30, 2006, and December 22, 2006.

**Claim Amendments**

By the present amendment, claims 27, 28, 34, and 35 are amended and claims 122-125 are re-written in independent form.

**Comments On Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance**

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants wish to emphasize that it is the language of each claim, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements which is allowable over the prior art of record. Each claim should be limited only to the language set forth therein and should be considered separately based upon only limitations set forth therein. Thus, with regard to the statements made by the Examiner, to the extent that it may include

paraphrasing of any claim limitations or stating of limitations which are not present in an allowed claim, each of the claims should not be limited by such statements and should be considered separately and should only be limited by claim limitations set forth therein.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-26, 29-33, and 36-125 are allowed in connection with the present application.

### **101 Rejection**

The Examiner rejected claims 27, 28, 34, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §101, alleging that the claimed invention was directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Initially, original claims 27 and 34 were directed to a program. Accordingly, claims 27 and 34 have now been amended to recite a computer signal, and thus withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested. Similarly, with regard to claims 28 and 35, these claims were directed to a storage, and now these claims have been amended to be directed to a computer readable medium. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

Additionally, claims 120 and 121, directed to a computer program, have also been cancelled, and claims 122-125 have been rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.

### **Interview Summary**

Apparently, the Examiner attempted to contact Applicants' representative in an effort to place all claims of the present application in allowable form. Apparently, the Examiner was unable to do so.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-119, and 122-125 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

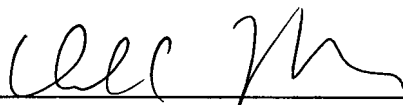
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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